

REMARKS

Claims 1-43 are pending in the application. Claims 1-42 have been canceled. Original independent claim 43 has been deemed allowable. The dependent claims that have been canceled have been rewritten as new claims 44-72 and depend from allowable claim 43. No new matter is presented. The following chart is provided for the Examiner's assistance in correlating the original claims to the new claims.

| <u>Original Claim</u> | <u>New Claim</u> |
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Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 11-12, 14-17, 24, and 27-42 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Cheng et al. U.S. Publication No. 2004/0044400. While Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection of the claims in view of Cheng et al., in order to expedite prosecution of the application, Applicant has elected to take the allowed claims and further prosecute the rejected claims in a continuation application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103


Claims 3, 7-10, 18-23, and 25-26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cheng et al. in view of Steiger U.S. Publication No. 2003/0204244. While Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection of the claims under § 103(a), in order to expedite prosecution of the application, Applicant has elected to take the allowed claims and further prosecute the rejected claims in a continuation application.

Conclusion

Claims 43-72 remain pending in the application. It is respectfully urged that all of the claims contain allowable subject matter. If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of the application, the undersigned can be reached at (310) 824-5555.

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